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The Honorable Dave Heineman
Governor of Nebraska
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Dear Governor:

We are pleased to be able to respond to your requests for a waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). These requests are written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c). The following is the disposition of the State's submission (copy enclosed). This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, Subtitles B and E, and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Requested Waivers:

Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(ii) and 20 CFR 665.200(d) to exempt the state from the requirement to conduct evaluations.

The State is requesting a waiver of the requirement to conduct evaluations of workforce investment activities for adults, dislocated workers, and youth in order to establish and promote continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system. The State is granted this waiver effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This waiver only applies to Program Year 2011 WIA funds.

Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 20 CFR 665.200(e) to exempt the state from the requirement to provide local workforce investment area incentive grants.

The State is requesting a waiver of the requirement to provide local workforce investment areas incentive grants to reward regional cooperation, local coordination of activities, and exemplary performance. The State is granted this waiver effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This waiver only applies to Program Year 2011 WIA funds.

Waiver of 20 CFR 665.200(b)(3) to exempt the state from the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information.

The State is requesting a waiver of the requirement to disseminate training provider performance and cost information. The State is granted this waiver effective July 1,

2011 through June 30, 2012. This waiver only applies to Program Year 2011 WIA funds.

Waiver of WIA Section 129(b)(2)(C) requiring the State to provide additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of eligible youth.

The State is requesting a waiver of the requirement to provide additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of WIA eligible youth. ETA has requested additional information from the State, and the waiver request remains under review by ETA.

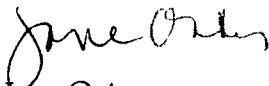
Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(2)(B)(v) requiring the State to assist in the establishment and operation of one-stop delivery systems.

The State is requesting a waiver of the requirement to assist in the establishment and operation of the One-Stop delivery system. ETA has requested additional information from the State, and the waiver request remains under review by ETA.

The approved waivers are incorporated by reference into the State's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and it constitutes a modification of the State Plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the State's WIA Grant Agreement and the approved State Plan. In addition, as described by TEGL No. 09-10, the State should address the impact its waivers have had on the State's performance in the WIA annual performance report, due on October 1 of each year.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce outcomes. If you have any questions related to the issues discussed above, please contact Malcolm Jackson, the Federal Project Officer for Nebraska, at (312) 596-5414 or by e-mail at Jackson.Malcom@dol.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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